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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-713-i12)

In re Application of:

Mirkin, et al.

Serial No.: 09/975,376

Filed: October 11, 2001

For: Nanoparticles Having Oligonucleotides
Attached Thereto and Uses Therefor

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) Examiner: Alexander H. Spiegler
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) Group Art Unit: 1637
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) Confirmation No. 9821
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application, we are transmitting herewith the attached:

- a) Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Dated September 24, 2004
- b) Substitute "Amendment To Claims" Section
- c) Return Receipt Postcard

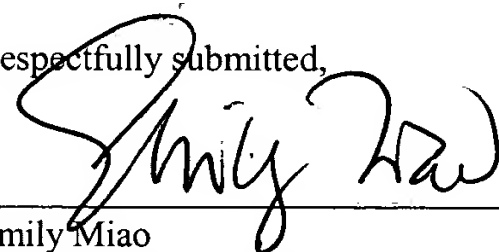
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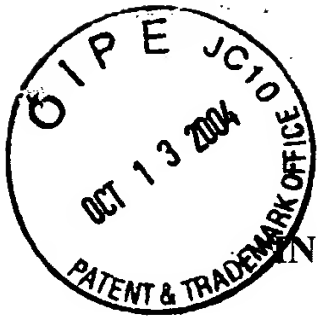
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Date: Oct. 13, 2004

Respectfully submitted,



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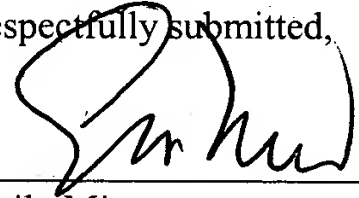
Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-compliant amendment dated September 24, 2004. As requested, a substitute copy of the "Amendment to the claims" section is attached. The substitute copy shows the complete listing of the status of all the claims, including previously cancelled claims.

Prompt consideration and entry of this response is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative if the Examiner believes that this would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application.

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